FORGET BACON
TRY STRAWBERRY BRUSCHETTA FOR BRUNCH {page 13}

I WON'T BE BACK
SCHWARZENEGGER, SHRIVER SPLIT AFTER 25 YEARS {page 10}

GOING GOTTI
PACINO IS BACK IN THE MOB {page 9}

WINNIPEG metro®

Wednesday, May 11, 2011
www.metronews.ca

News worth sharing

Cyclists dinged for sidewalk riding

- Cyclists were being fined $110 under a provision of the Highway Traffic Act
- At least 10 cyclists were fined, says a police spokesperson

JAMES TURNER
@METRONEWS.CA

Some Winnipeg cyclists are fuming after their regular commute into downtown across the Osborne Street Bridge yesterday morning took a turn for the expensive.

Police were out ticketing cyclists who failed to dismount when riding along the bridge's westbound sidewalk — currently the only pedestrian pathway due to a massive repair project underway.

"It's crazy. Forty dollars to $50, OK, but not $110," said a deflated George Soare, one of the ticketed cyclists.

"It's absolutely impossible to ride through here and not ride on the sidewalk," said cyclist Marlowe Brownlee, who added he feels it's dangerous for bikes to travel in the two northbound traffic lanes full of heavy, slow-moving vehicles.

"Am I to ride in one of these lanes and risk getting hit by a vehicle?" he asked.

For others, the ticketing appeared simply to be a cash grab on behalf of the city.

"I think it's for the revenues of the city's car-centric infrastructure, and until they invest in proper cycling infrastructure, this is what's going to happen," said Alana Lajoie-O'Malley.

"It's just evidence they're not thinking about active transit at all."

Other cyclists were overheard grumbling at police not stopping cars crossing the bridge where drivers were clearly yakking on their cellphones.

The stops were done for safety reasons, Const. Jason Michalyshen said.

"Every year it comes up," he said.

"There's rules for bikes just as there are for other people on the roadway," he said.

"That's really, really terrible ... that makes me sad."

CYCLIST WATCHING POLICE PULL OTHERS OVER AND TICKET THEM FOR RIDING ON THE SIDEWALK

What do you think? Let us know at winnipegletters@metronews.ca

JAMES TURNER/METRO

▶ Cyclists are ticketed after riding on the sidewalk over Osborne Bridge.

Orange revolution

NDP a hit with youth: Study

- Why party's platform appealed to young voters {page 4}

Not at her best

Houston heads back to rehab {page 10}

Transition to work from school

It's all about using your contacts {page 14}

Helping kids stay McHappy

Ronald McDonald Children's House gives sick kids and their families a hand {page 6}

1 news

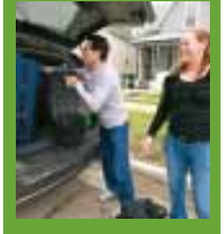
Colorado police say iPhone left in stolen truck led to capture of major car-burglary suspect. Scan code for story.

1 Download the free ScanLife app with your smartphone at 2dscan.com

2 Use your smartphone to scan 2D barcodes in Metro

3 The codes will direct your mobile browser to **m.metronews.ca**

On the web at metronews.ca



Go online to metronews.ca for a video report on the evacuation in Brandon due to the dangerously swollen Assiniboine River.

Follow us on Twitter @metrowinnipeg

Flood officials mull controlled release

Families in the flood zone pray while waiting for news of possible diversion beginning today Officials say they're doing everything they can to prevent having to deliberately breach the dike

JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

▶ Volunteers sandbag on the southern dike of the Assiniboine River in Brandon.

ELISHA DACEY
@METRONEWS.CA

Lourens Arendse was grading and bagging onions on his prosperous vegetable farm in south-central Manitoba as recently as Monday afternoon.

By yesterday morning, he was frantically loading sandbags into his truck to try to protect his property from the leading edge of a controlled release from the Assiniboine River.

"We were totally caught off guard," said Arendse, who owns LA Quality Products in the Rural Municipality of Portage la Prairie.

Throughout southern Manitoba, urban and rural dwellers alike were scrambling to deal with what forecasters are now calling a one-in-300-years flood.

In Brandon, the water was the highest it's been since 1882. But city crews, volunteers, army reservists and jail inmates seemed to be winning the battle against the swollen Assiniboine despite steady rain.

But if it was needed, a gradual diversion could begin as early as noon today.

Provincial flood officials said the region was picked because it offers the best chance to control the release. It also provides easiest access for workers and equipment.

Federal Defence Minister Peter MacKay visited soldiers in Manitoba's flooded areas to assess first-hand the work being done to assist in the flood fight.

In Brandon, the Assiniboine River may have crested yesterday.

"We are happy to see that the river seems to be levelling off. It hasn't really changed since yesterday," said Brian Kayes, the city's director of emergency management.

"But with this river, and with this year, anything can change."

WITH FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS

Flood update

- Prime Minister Stephen Harper will tour flood-affected areas today.
- 600 troops were helping yesterday, with another 300 scheduled to arrive today.
- Two provincial sandbag machines have been delivered to the RM of Portage la Prairie.
- The City of Winnipeg is running their sandbag machines 24-7 to help.
- The province declared a "livestock emergency" yesterday and asked farmers to help those affected by the flood provide for their livestock.
- Restrictions on some flooded roads have been eased to allow for moving of livestock and equipment.

Licence not money grab: Spokesman

You need a licence to fish, to hunt and own a gun, and the same rule must apply to dog ownership, the head of Winnipeg's Animal Services agency believes.

And, Leland Gordon adds, a move by his agency to toughen up on dog owners who don't license their hounds each year is anything but a cash grab.

"We need to be zero-tolerance," Gordon said. "If you choose to get a dog ... you need to get a dog licence." Currently, only about 40 per cent of city dogs are registered.

The agency is planning a blitz come September to try and boost the number people getting dog tags.

Owners caught without them after a June-August amnesty period will face fines and other charges.

Gordon said the $27 licence fee (which increases to $62 for unsterilized dogs) pays for much more than people seem to see.

He said the agency offers "tremendous value" for the fee through adoption programs, emergency services and rides home for lost animals.

Needing a licence for your dog is nothing new, Gordon stated. "It's been in Winnipeg for 100 years." JAMES TURNER

CAA now offering assistance for cyclists

Pop a tire pounding over a pothole? Bike chain break heading over Osborne Bridge?

Cycling enthusiasts now have another option rather than pathetically walking your bike to the nearest shop.

CAA Manitoba launched Roadside Assistance for Bikes yesterday, giving the two-wheeled (or three) commuter a little peace of mind in Manitoba

Those with a CAA membership can now opt to use one of their four annual service calls to help them if their bicycle breaks down.

CAA spokesperson Liz Peters said at just $88 for the basic CAA membership, even those without a vehicle might want to look into it.

"We know that one of the obstacles (to cycling to work) is 'What if I pop a tire?'" said Peters.

Should a cyclist need assistance, a truck will pick up the cyclist and their bike and head within a five-kilometre radius or they'll take it directly to Gord's Ski and Bike, which is partnering with CAA on the program. ELISHA DACEY

CAA MANITOBA

▶ JF Ravenelle

"Commuters are increasingly looking at alternative options for getting to work. Our Donald location is especially busy most mornings in the summer when bikers and cyclists pop in for a quick tune up on their way into Downtown."

JEAN-FRANCOIS RAVENELLE, OWNER OF GORD'S SKI AND BIKE

Downtown cameras to keep rolling

‘It’s served us well in very serious cases,’ police chief says

JAMES TURNER
@METRONEWS.CA

Winnipeg’s 10 CCTV cameras will likely remain up and running, with police officials touting their effectiveness yesterday in helping gather evidence and bag at least a few bad guys.

“I believe that it has worked for the times we’ve used it,” WPS Chief Keith McCaskill said.

Officials said camera evidence has been used in at least one homicide investigation, but declined to say which one.

McCaskill added the cameras reduce costs of followup investigations and overtime because officers don’t have to pound the pavement to scrounge camera footage from area businesses.

Police installed the cameras as a test project costing $440,600 in 2009.

Officials admit there have been a few technical hiccups so far in how the cameras operate, but are working out the kinks.

There are also issues with a low number of internal requests for the footage, possibly because officers on the force don’t know the cameras exist.

The force is asking for some cash from the city next year to hire a dedicated technician.

The committee hearing the police request approved it unanimously, but it needs approval from council as a whole.

Million. Bucks

▶ Dakota Merasty, Paige Anderson, Wendy Wang, Joshua Gastl and Tevyn Dallas show how they feel to be part of a large number of high schoolers involved in the Winnipeg Foundation’s Youth In Philanthropy program over the school year.

JAMES TURNER/METRO

Celebrating a milestone

The philanthropy program — capped by a year-end celebration last night — marked the giving of more than $1 million in grants to local community development agencies since the program took shape in 1999.

Roller skate sales skyrocket

These aren’t your grandma’s roller skates anymore.

Old-fashioned roller skates, now better known as quads, are making a big comeback just in time for summer, as more people are taking up this old-school hobby.

Better equipment and comfort are contributing factors in the growing popularity of quads, but one of the main reasons they’re making it big — again— is because interest in roller derby has skyrocketed.

“(Roller derby) has exploded all over North America, Europe and Asia and it’s huge,” said Lara McCabe, owner of Peach Jam Skates and captain of local roller-derby team Valkyries Wrath.

McCabe said since the store opened last October the number of people trying quads has increased immensely.

“Now that spring is finally here there is a really large number of people getting their kids skates ... and lot’s of people who are doing recreational skating ... it’s a bit like going to a big department store, its a real crosscut of population.”

“Roller derby is kind of unstoppable, it ignites a passion in the people who are involved with it, either as skaters or fans, and it’s growing exponentially.”

McCabe encouraged those who are interested in the sport to head down to an event and talk to a derby girl about how they can get involved.

MORGAN MODJESKI/FOR METRO

▶ Lara McCabe poses with quad skates at Peach Jam Skates.

MORGAN MODJESKI

News in brief

Doc on the lam back in the ’Peg

A doctor accused of sexually molesting one of his patients has been brought back to Winnipeg after fleeing the country.

Walid Ahmed Abdelhamid was arrested in June of 2009 after a young patient told healthcare workers they had been molested by the doctor. Abdelhamid was arrested and charged, but released on bail.

Police said Abdelhamid then fled to Greece, where he was arrested in August, 2010 at an airport. He was brought back to Winnipeg yesterday after the extradition process was completed to face charges of sexual assault, sexual interference and sexual exploitation.

METRO

Water meter readers out today

The city’s annual Water Meter Reading Program starts today, meaning meter readers will be knocking on your door.

All readers wear photo identification and carry a hand-held computer.

Residents should check identification before allowing a meter reader into their home.

Meter readers only record water meter readings, and do not collect money.

METRO

Only serious accidents to be reported, province proposes

The province proposed changes to the highway traffic act that would see only serious accidents reported.

Attorney General Andrew Swan, the minister in charge of Manitoba Public Insurance, said it will free up resources.

Currently, accidents involving car or property damage of more than $1,000 must be reported. The changes would see accidents reported only if involving a fatality, serious injury, unlicensed drivers or vehicles, drugs or alcohol, or hit-and-runs.

METRO

In with the youth — NDP a fave among demo: Poll

Health, the environment, the economy and jobs were top of mind for 18-to-24-year-olds Support for NDP leaped to 44% by end of election

Youth represented

The newfound enthusiasm among youth for politics is reflected in the NDP caucus.

- **Old** The average age for an MP in the previous Parliament was 54 and there were just two MPs under 30.
- **New** But the average age of the new NDP caucus is 46, with 20 MPs under the age of 30 — mostly from Quebec.
- **Outcome** About 58 per cent of those polled after election day said they believed getting involved in politics is a good way to make a difference.

A new poll suggests the NDP is the hands-down favourite among an increasingly mobilized youth — even though the party did not make a concerted appeal to young voters during the election campaign.

The two-part Internet poll of 18-to-24-year-olds was conducted for the Historica Dominion Institute early in the campaign and then right after the voting.

It suggests that support for the NDP grew by leaps and bounds during the campaign in every region of the country except Alberta.

"A lot of young people gravitated to Jack Layton," said Jeremy Diamond, director of the institute. "It's less to do with policy and platform and more to do with how engaging he is as a person."

"Youth are concerned about social justice and we're the only ones that ever talk about social justice."
REBECCA BLAIKIE, 2011 NDP CANDIDATE IN MANITOBA

The respondents, mainly students, said the NDP spoke to them most clearly on the issues they cared about — health care and the environment.

While conventional wisdom holds that students generally have a soft spot for the NDP, polling at the start of the campaign showed the Conservatives slightly in the lead, almost tied with the Liberals, and the NDP in third.

By election day, however, the NDP claimed 44 per cent of the survey group's votes — 20 percentage points more than the Conservatives.

From the get-go, the New Democrats planned to expand their appeal beyond their traditional base. But they didn't specifically target youth. Rather, they stressed help for seniors in poverty and focused on building support among people in their 30s and 40s.

Their pitch was directed at those who were uncertain about how to care for both aging parents and growing children, with the costs of running a household on the upswing.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cake. Boss

▶ Dairy Queen marks the 30th year of making birthday ice-cream cakes in Canada by setting the Guinness World Record for the world's largest ice-cream cake, weighing in at 10,130.35 kilograms, in Toronto yesterday.

NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

10,000 kg with icing on top

Hundreds of people turned out yesterday in Toronto to witness the construction of the world's largest ice-cream cake. The cake was solid ice cream in the centre, with 90 kilograms of sponge cake on the outside, 136 kg of icing and crushed Oreos on top.

Start making census a priority, groups urge

With their hopes dashed of resurrecting the mandatory long-form census, some national organizations and provincial politicians are campaigning to make sure their constituents get counted.

Manitoba is spending $400,000 to encourage its residents to be counted, and other provincial ministers have made public appeals. The Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC) last week encouraged all public servants to participate, to help ensure the proper implementation of public services.

The reeve of Hanover, Man., recently warned residents that the municipality could lose $112 for every person who doesn't fill out the census.

Canada's Jewish federations are dipping into their funds to encourage Jews to take the time to fill out the questionnaires. Jewish organizations have access to a special census campaign tool kit in English, Hebrew, Russian and Spanish.

SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

▶A sign encouraging census participation is displayed outside the Soloway Jewish Community Centre in Ottawa yesterday.

"If you are asked to complete the NHS, it is urgent that you do so and proudly identify yourself as Jewish. By doing so, you will help to establish a strong Jewish population presence in Canada," reads one campaign poster.

The question on religion, and many other details such as education levels, income and health are included in the now voluntary long questionnaire. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Short form, big task

There are concerns about the less reliable data of a voluntary long-form survey.

- **Greater** participation by some groups could skew the numbers.
- **Data gleaned** from short-form will be used to determine everything from transfer payments to the provinces to how municipalities dole out services to communities.

Man blames genital defect in HIV murders

A man convicted of murder through HIV transmission said an undescended testicle is why "he hid sexual information about himself all his life," forensic psychiatrist Dr. Philip Klassen told an Ontario court yesterday. The Crown is seeking a dangerous offender designation for Johnson Aziga, 54, convicted in 2009 of two counts of first-degree murder.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

THE CANADIAN PRESS

▶ Ruth Ellen Brosseau

NDP says diploma flub a staff error

The NDP is apologizing for a biography that stated a rookie MP obtained a diploma from an Ontario college — when, in fact, she hadn't.

The party defended Quebec MP-elect Ruth Ellen Brosseau on yesterday, saying a staffer modified her online biography without her permission.

"We're sorry for this error and regret the harm done to Ms. Brosseau," NDP spokesman Marc-Andre Viau wrote in an email.

The NDP said Brosseau never told them she had earned a diploma, and only stated that she had studied there, adding that the single mother is two credits shy of completion.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Freedom of speech trumps privacy: Court

Tabloid story of a Nazi-themed orgy led ex-car racing boss to appeal to European Court of Human Rights

An ex-car racing boss who sued a tabloid over a story about his sadomasochistic orgy with dominatrixes lost his privacy case yesterday in the European Court of Human Rights — a ruling applauded by free speech advocates.

▶ Max Mosley

Max Mosley won a lawsuit against Britain's News of the World tabloid for its 2008 front-page story claiming he, the president of the governing body overseeing Formula One racing, had an hours-long Nazi-themed orgy with five women. Mosley, the son of a former fascist leader, acknowledged the orgy but denied the Nazi theme.

Despite winning sizable damages and legal costs, Mosely didn't stop fighting.

He then took the case to the European court in France, which can intervene in British court rulings. Mosley claimed that his privacy rights, which are protected by the European Convention on Human Rights, should force news organizations to notify subjects before publishing details about their private lives.

But the court disagreed, saying European law didn't require pre-notification and that such a requirement could have a chilling effect on freedom of speech. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Space. Oddity

▶ Swiss adventurer Yves Rossy is seen during his flight over the Grand Canyon in Arizona on Saturday.

ALAIN ERNOULT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rocket Man blasted over Canyon

A Swiss adventurer has completed a flight over the Grand Canyon in his custom-built jet suit. Yves Rossy was airborne for more than eight minutes Saturday, soaring 60.96 metres above the canyon rim on the Hualapai Reservation.

Dog trips lock, busts out of vet's

After three late-night escape attempts from an Oregon veterinarian's office, a German shepherd named Jack finally made it.

The Medford Mail Tribune reports the crafty canine managed to pull open his kennel, trip the dead bolt on the Oregon clinic's back door and pull down the handle to get outside.

He set off three motion-detector alarms on the way. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

al-Qaida to get house in order

A week after the death of Osama bin Laden, his longtime deputy is considered the front-runner to succeed the iconic al-Qaida founder.

But uprisings in the Middle East and changing dynamics within the group could point to another scenario: a decision not to appoint anyone at all to replace the world's most-wanted terrorist.

Replacing bin Laden, who masterminded 9-11, may be no easy task.

Analysts say the choice will likely depend on how the terror organization views its goals and priorities in the post-bin Laden age. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Man dies in skyscraper plunge

A man committed suicide yesterday in a plunge of 39 floors from a segment of the world's tallest skyscraper in Dubai, according to the its owner and reports in the local media.

"The concerned authorities have confirmed that it was a suicide, and we are awaiting the final report," Emaar Properties, the owner of the towering Burj Khalifa said in a brief statement. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DONEWITHDOLLS
CATCH THEIR TOUR WITH ALLSTARWEEKEND
MAY 15 TO 29, 2011
WWW.DONEWITHDOLLS.COM
GET "LIES" ON ITUNES NOW!
YOU COULD
WIN 1 OF 3 PAIRS OF TICKETS TO SEE
DONEWITHDOLLS
AS THEY TOUR WITH DISNEY STARS, ALLSTAR WEEKEND!
To register and for full contest details visit clubmetro.com
VISIT clubmetro.com TO ENTER

Spread some McHappy smiles

More than 10,000 families come through doors of Ronald McDonald Children's House each year: Official

Like many parents, Angela Gamble-Schell was completely blindsided when, last August, doctors diagnosed her 12-year-old daughter Alysha with pineoblastoma, a malignant brain tumour.

"A week earlier, my kids and I were watching stories of little children on the Sick Kids channel and I thought to myself, 'I'm so glad that my kids are healthy,'" she said. "Then, a week later, we ended up down at Sick Kids ourselves."

Alysha's illness would require her to remain near the hospital for an undisclosed amount of time while she underwent tests, radiation and high-dose chemotherapy.

This put a strain on the family of five from Englehart, Ont.

"The doctors were telling us this is a very long road," Gamble-Schell said.

"And we worried about how we were going to stay in the city with Alysha."

A social worker suggested the Ronald McDonald Children's House, a charity-run home for families, like the Schells, who need supportive, long-term accommodations while their child undergoes medical treatment.

The House receives part of its funding through events like today's McHappy Day, where one dollar from each Big Mac, coffee, tea and Happy Meal goes toward a variety of child-focused charities.

"McHappy Day is an opportunity to really help the Ronald McDonald House and other children's charities get the kind of community grassroots support they need. So by coming into the restaurant, you're really able to use McHappy Day as a platform for giving and a way to make a difference," said Cathy Loblaw, executive director of the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Canada.

After close to a year, Alysha has conquered her illness and the family will soon head home.

"It's been a long road and it was very scary, but she's our hero now," the proud mother said.

JORDANA DIVON

COURTESY MCDONALD'S CANADA

▶ McDonald's Canada founder George Cohon poses with kids on McHappy Day, where one dollar from each Big Mac, coffee, tea and Happy Meal goes toward children's charities like the Ronald McDonald House. Visit rmhc.ca to learn how you can help.

AlarmShowerEatBusMETRO
CoffeeSmallTalkWorkLunchWork
PretendToWorkCoffeeE-mail
PretendToWorkGym
METROBusRepeat.

Read it free:
newspaper
metronews.ca
mobile
tablet

metro

GEORGE WESTON LTD.

Profits rise for bakery

Food processor George Weston Ltd. says wholesale buyers have been resisting price increases it started charging earlier this year to help offset the rising cost of ingredients it uses to make breads and other products.

The bakery company — which reported sharply higher first-quarter profits yesterday — raised prices about five per cent starting April 1 to help deal with skyrocketing costs for commodities like wheat, sugar and corn.

The company has said that climbing commodity prices, plus the higher cost of gasoline, could have a $65-million effect on its bottom line this year.

George Weston Ltd. said yesterday that its first-quarter profits more than doubled to $105 million, helped by stronger operating performance from its Weston Foods and Loblaw grocery store divisions.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. YESTERDAY

DOLLAR	TSX	OIL	Natural gas 1,000 cu ft	Gold
+ 0.64¢ (104.42¢ US)	– 35.07 (13,642.06)	+ $1.33 US ($103.88 US)	$4.303 US (+ 8.4¢ US)	$1,516.90 US (+ $13.70 US)

Microsoft makes a call on Skype

PAUL SAKUMA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

▶ Skype CEO Tony Bates, left, and Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer shake hands yesterday during a media conference in San Francisco.

$8.5-billion US takeover deal is largest in company's history

Microsoft's $8.5-billion US purchase of Skype is the biggest deal in the software maker's 36-year history, but it also means a billion-dollar payout for the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board, a major stakeholder in the popular Internet telephone service.

Buying Skype would give Microsoft a potentially valuable communications tool as it tries to become a bigger force on the Internet and in the increasingly important smartphone market. Microsoft said it will marry Skype's functions to its Xbox game console, Outlook email program and Windows smartphones.

170M

About 170 million people log in to Skype's services every month, though not all of them make calls.

The CPPIB paid $300 million for a 15 per cent stake in Skype in 2009 when the majority of the service was sold off by eBay Inc. for about $2 billion US to an investor group that also included Skype's original founders. EBay kept the remaining 35 per cent interest in the company.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Emerging nations hold key for Canada's exports

Canada's key export sector is poised to once again become the backbone of the economy, especially if companies can exploit emerging markets, says the government agency devoted to foreign sales.

Export Development Canada's latest forecast says exporters are well underway to recovering the massive losses sustained during the recession, which hurt the sector more than any other.

With growth rates of 10.4 per cent in 2010, an expected 12 per cent this year and a further seven per cent in 2012, exports are already tapped to be a main contributor to growth in Canada over the next two years.

Most industries will take part in the rebound, including autos and auto parts, aerospace and forestry, along with current mainstays in the resource sector.

But it is in the outgoing years — and in the fast-growing emerging markets — where many economists see the biggest potential for the sector that a decade ago represented 46 per cent of the economy. It is now down to 29 per cent.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

New horizon

The high Canadian dollar has made it more difficult for Canadian goods to compete in the United States market.

- **Trade.** However, this is offset by soaring demand in China and other parts of Asia for everything from coal and oil to lumber, fertilizers and minerals.
- **Market.** Currently there is a house building boom in China as millions of people migrate from the countryside to the cities.

New Magna chairman

FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

▶ Mike Harris

Former Ontario premier Mike Harris is the new chairman of autoparts maker Magna International. Harris, who had been lead director at the company, takes over from Magna founder Frank Stronach, who remains honorary chairman and a director.

Harris will step into the role despite criticism of his handling of a controversial deal to eliminate a dual-class share structure that gave the Stronach family voting control of the company.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

NURSING
– THE HEALTH OF OUR NATION
Registered nurses, as one of the country's most trusted professions, are committed to patient care and are leaders in the advancement of health care.
National Nursing Week is a time to celebrate their contribution to Canada.
NATIONAL NURSING WEEK
MAY 9-15, 2011
CANADIAN NURSES ASSOCIATION
cna-aiic.ca

FEEDING OUR CRIMINAL INTENT

JUST SAYIN' ...

PAUL SULLIVAN
METRO

When was the last time you broke the law?

If you're like the average Brit, it was probably the last time you got into the car: Running a red light, texting, speeding, not wearing your seatbelt, parking in the handy handicapped spot, or bumping into someone's car and skulking away from the scene of the accident without leaving contact info.

Nor is the average Brit's criminal activity restricted to the automobile. In a recent gocompare.com survey of 3,000 ordinary felons, 28 per cent admitted to taking drugs and another 34 per cent confessed to having sex in public — no word on whether or not they were wearing their seatbelt at the time.

The not-so-veddy proper British break the law an average of 21 times per year. When they're not having sex in public (probably in their cars, where they appear to do everything but drive), they're downloading illegal music or failing to pick up after their pooch.

"When they're not having sex in public (probably in their cars, where they appear to do everything but drive), they're downloading illegal music or failing to pick up after their pooch."

Here in the colonies, it can't be much better. Because in England, everyone is jammed together; there's a surveillance camera every six feet, and if you even think about breaking the law, they've got you on video. Here in the New World, there's plenty of wide open space to evade detection.

Speaking of confessions, I'm probably guilty of every violation on the survey, although I can't remember the last time I had sex in public and don't know how to download music illegally (without getting a virus). But the spirit is willing.

There's comfort in numbers. According to the survey, 79 per cent of Brits violate the speed limit. And that's only because traffic is bad.

Are people getting worse or are there just too many laws? The spokesman for the survey company thinks Brits are so used to breaking the law on a daily basis they hardly notice. And he thinks it's much worse than 21 times per year. Most people don't know, for example, that it's illegal to ride your bike on the sidewalk or fail to pick up after your cockapoo.

It's just too easy to break the vast array of unenforceable laws that allegedly govern our behaviour. The solution — to pass more laws in an attempt to bludgeon us into submission — just feeds our criminal intent.

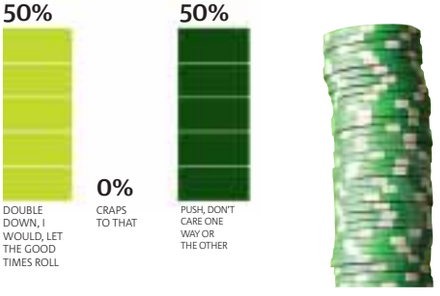
So it's kind of hilarious when Stephen Harper says he is going to get tough on crime and we all nod our heads in solemn accord. Right.

And by the way, how many laws did HE break yesterday?

Read more of Paul Sullivan's columns at metronews.ca/justsaying

Register at metrolifepanel.ca and take the quick poll

Would you vote for a candidate who took a week off during the federal campaign to visit Vegas?



Local tweets

- **@ChefAlex:** Remember those cycle activists from last summer? They should stage a "Bike across Osborne bridge" event. #Winnipeg #cycle
- **@gordforman:** Winnipeg Mayor came to MSRA car club mtg — says cops should get priorities straight & leave "bullsh*t" vehicle infractions alone!
- **@JJ_Power97:** If you see a chihuahua on the loose near Toronto St., gimme a shout. Little bugger's on the lam. #winnipeg
- **@TylerFehr:** Apparently the Coyotes-Winnipeg situation will be solved tonight! I believe it when i see/hear it but at least we'll know something tonight!
- **@deaniew:** Wow Winnipeg bus drivers are nothing like Vancouver bus drivers. I need to leave earlier if I want sufficient Starbucks time.
- **@HellaBootsy:** I just wanna teleport to winnipeg. Don't ask.
- **@dshoalts:** So instead of moving to Winnipeg in 2011, the team moved to Quebec in 2013, then the politicians and their town went broke. The End.

Letters

OTTAWA. In the past I have always been a supporter of NDP policy and continue to agree with many of their principles.

However, the recent articles outlining their intended efforts to strengthen Quebec's language laws upset me.

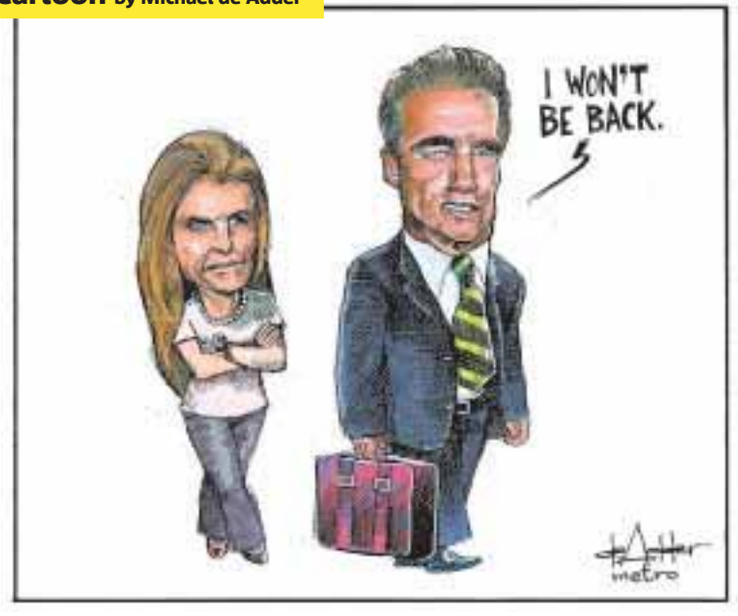
Every position in federal and provincial governments does not require French language skills. Many people know someone who was paid to attend mandatory French language training and never uses it.

▶ Jack Layton

Many university educated anglophones are excluded from jobs and careers because of current policy. The language restrictions need to be relaxed, not get more stringent. I have no problem with advancing bilingual candidates where a position truly warrants it, since speaking two languages is certainly an asset. I feel so strongly about this issue that the NDP has lost me as a supporter.

NATASHA SOROKAN

Cartoon by Michael de Adder



WEIRD NEWS

Rome rejects rumbling rumours

Italian officials are going to extraordinary lengths to try to debunk an urban legend predicting a devastating earthquake in Rome today.

The country's civil protection department has posted an information packet on its website stressing that quakes can't be predicted and Rome isn't particularly at risk.

The national geophysics institute will open its doors to the public today to inform the curious and the concerned about seismology.

The effort is all designed to debunk a purported prediction of a major Roman quake on May 11, 2011, attributed to self-taught seismologist Raffaele Bendandi, who died in 1979. The only problem is Bendandi never made the prediction, says Paola Lagorio, president of the association in charge of Bendandi's documentation.

Lagorio insists there is no evidence in Bendandi's papers of any such precise prediction and blames unidentified forces who want to "frighten people and create this situation of panic that is attributed to a prediction Bendandi never made."

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

metro
METRO WINNIPEG • 161 Portage Ave E • Suite 200 • Winnipeg MB • R3B 2L6 • T: 204-943-9300 • Fax: 888-846-0894 • Advertising: 204-890-8397 • adinfowinnipeg@metronews.ca • Distribution: winnipeg_distribution@metronews.ca • **Publisher** Steve Shrout, **Managing Editor** Elisha Dacey, **Sales Manager** Dave Kruse, **Distribution Manager** Rod Chivers • **METRO CANADA: President & Publisher** Bill McDonald, **Editor-in-Chief** Charlotte Empey, **National Deputy Editor** Fernando Carneiro, **Asst. Managing Editor** Tarin Elbert, **Scene/Life Editor** Dean Lisk, **Assist. Managing Editor** Amber Shortt, **Art Director** Laila Hakim, **Business Ventures Director** Tracy Day, **National Sales Director** Peter Bartrem, **Interactive/Marketing Director** Jodi Brown

His booty's full of awards

Geoffrey Rush tells Metro how he lives the life of an award-winning actor and a pirate

NED EHRBAR
SCENE@METRONEWS.CA
METRO WORLD NEWS IN HOLLYWOOD

HANDOUT

▶ Geoffrey Rush plays Captain Barbossa in the fourth installment of The Pirates of the Caribbean.

Coming off the critical raves — plus awards and nominations — he received for The King's Speech, Australian actor Geoffrey Rush is easing back into his pirate drawl to once again play Capt. Barbossa opposite Johnny Depp's Jack Sparrow in Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides.

Metro sat down for a one-on-one with the Oscar winner.

I hear you snuck into one of the press screenings to catch the film.

I thought I wanted to hold off until [the premiere at] Disney Land and do all of that stuff, but there are three journeys in this film that are on individual ships, so I only knew everything that happened to Barbossa and the Royal Navy on the Providence, but I had no idea how they'd shot the mermaid stuff, how they'd done the Queen Anne's Revenge. It was fantastic; it was really thrilling.

What do you think of how Barbossa has progressed from the first film?

It's an enjoyable thing. I think we would've run out of validity for him being part of the storyline if he'd remained only the kind of dark, black-hearted mercenary villain from Part One. And within the story, in the trilogy and now in Part Four, they've brought in Cutler Beckett from the East India Trading Company as a kind of corporate villain adversary for Jack Sparrow, and there's been Davy Jones and now we've got Blackbeard. That's given Barbossa room to move.

With two more films planned for the series, where do you see him going?

Johnny and I were saying, you know, if only these two guys could get together, they would be the best kick-ass team in the world. Because Jack's got an extraordinary daring, improvisational, "take the crises as they come and deal with them" (attitude), and Barbossa fancies himself as a rather brilliant strategic long-term-planning mastermind. But they're always at odds, completely.

Are you familiar with the phrase "EGOT"?

I've been made aware of it. I know it came up in a 30 Rock episode.

It means winning an Emmy, a Grammy, an Oscar and a Tony. You have three. Do you have any plans to try to win a Grammy?

(laughs) Oh, well, you know. I had no thought way back even of being honoured by the Academy with an Oscar, and I remember thinking, "It's highly unlikely that I'll end up doing anything for American television, so where would an Emmy come from?"

Let alone a Tony, because — particularly with Exit the King, taking an Australian production to Broadway, there was no precedent for that.

But the Grammy thing, I don't know. I'll have to put out a rather boring album of poetry or something.

(laughs) You know, it's not keeping me awake.

DAN STEINBERG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

▶ Al Pacino arrives at the HBO Emmy party.

Pacino's gotta be in Gotti

Al Pacino is telling a new mob family story in the crime saga Gotti: Three Generations.

Pacino will play Gambino crime family underboss Neil Dellacroce, an associate and mentor to John Gotti Sr. (John Travolta), says the film's producer, Fiore Films.

Gotti reunites Pacino with Levinson, who directed the actor in his role as Dr. Jack Kevorkian in last year's TV movie You Don't Know Jack, for which Pacino won an Emmy. Levinson also was a producer on Pacino's 1997 crime drama Donnie Brasco and co-wrote his 1979 court saga And Justice for All.

The cast also includes Lindsay Lohan, Joe Pesci and Travolta's wife, Kelly Preston.

"There's this whole thing about fathers and sons that plays through this piece," Levinson said of the film, based on the life story of Gotti's son, John Gotti Jr.

"You had a huge character in John Gotti, who's basically old school and believed in the structure of that whole system, and the son at a certain point in time basically begins to reject it and wants out of it. He says, 'I can't live my life this way,' so I think that's a real conflict," said Levinson.

Fiore Films made the announcement yesterday in Cannes, where the 64th Cannes Film Festival opens today.

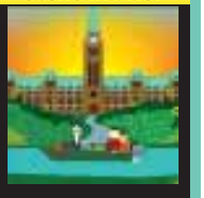
"Al Pacino is one of the finest actors of all time and will bring an unsurpassed level of reality and excitement to the film," said Marc Fiore, the company's CEO.

The big casting question left is who will play Gotti Jr.

"My guess is it's going to be someone that we may not really know," Levinson said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

2 scene

Scene in brief



Canada gets to celebrate an over-the-top royal wedding of its own this week thanks to South Park.

The foul-mouthed animated series spoofs the nuptials of Will and Kate on Wednesday with a special episode all about a Canuck royal union.

This ceremony features "the prince of Canada," who is "aboot" to wed a princess in a televised ceremony watched by "literally thousands."

The episode airs Wednesday on the Comedy Network and repeats Friday.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sarah Ferguson tells Oprah Winfrey it was 'difficult' not to be invited to royal wedding

▶ Whitney Houston

Houston in rehab

Whitney Houston is back in rehab and has been receiving treatment for at least 10 days, according to People magazine.

"Whitney Houston is currently in an out-patient rehab program for drug and alcohol treatment," the singer's rep says.

"Whitney voluntarily entered the program to support her long-standing recovery process."

The treatment is most likely professionally motivated, according to TMZ:

"She's cleansing herself to get ready for a new movie," a source says of the singer, who hopped up on stage with Prince during a concert in L.A. last week.

METRO

ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

▶ Arnold Schwarzenegger and wife Maria Shriver

Schwarzenegger says that he won't be back

Maria Shriver and Arnold say they are now living apart

Former California governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and wife Maria Shriver have separated, according to the Los Angeles Times. "At this time, we are living apart while we work on the future of our relationship," the couple says in a statement.

"We are continuing to parent our four children together. They are the light and the center of both of our lives. We consider this a private matter and neither we nor any of our friends or family will have further comment."

The couple celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last month.

METRO

Talking points

Hilton starts a new feud

NO ONE NOTICES Paris Hilton seems to be trying to sow a new feud with Lindsay Lohan, singling the troubled starlet out in a promo for her new reality show, according to E! Online.

"Feeding the homeless is not actually part of my community service. I do it because I love to give back and help out whenever I can," Hilton says in the clip, referring to Lohan's community service sentence, which she recently began.

Hilton even name checks Lohan when a homeless woman asks for her earrings. "I'm not Lindsay. If I were Lindsay I'd be stealing the earrings, not giving them away," she jokes.

METRO

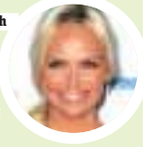
Celebrity tweets

@justinbieber

"it's kinda lame when someone you met briefly and never worked with comments on you. I will continue to wish them luck and be kind."

@jessicaalba

"Trying to motivate to workout for the last 45 min... Argh -O.k. I'm gonna do it."


@KChenoweth

"I don't like coffee. Not sure why."

@SteveMartinToGo

"The phrase "no man is an island" is incorrect. Bubba Carr, 42, of Norso, TN, is actually an island, with palm tree & fruit stand."

YOU COULD WIN
A WOLFPACK GETAWAY FOR FOUR TO ATLANTIC CITY
VISIT clubmetro.com TO ENTER
PRIZE INCLUDES
Two night stay at Caesars Atlantic City
Round trip limo service from NYC
Two rounds of drinks at the all new Boardwalk Beer Garden at Caesars
Screening of THE HANGOVER at Circus Maximus Theater
VIP admission to Dusk Nightclub at Caesars with complimentary bottle service
Bachelor Brunch for four
YOU COULD ALSO WIN PASSES TO A SPECIAL ADVANCE SCREENING OF
THE HANGOVER PART II
BANGKOK HAS THEM NOW
MAY 26
TO REGISTER AND FOR FULL CONTEST DETAILS VISIT CLUBMETRO.COM
CAESARS ATLANTIC CITY
dusk

Hot on Captain Jack Sparrow's trail

The fourth installment of the Pirates of the Caribbean franchise was filmed in some amazing locations around the globe that are worthy of a voyage of your own to explore

NED EHRBAR
TRAVEL@METRONEWS.CA
METRO WORLD NEWS IN HOLLYWOOD

DISNEY

▶ Palominito Beach in Puerto Rico is just one of the great locations that was used for shooting of Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides.

The producers behind the Pirates of the Caribbean franchise didn't let the series' name limit them when it came to locations for the latest film, sending Johnny Depp's loveable Capt. Jack Sparrow around the world in search of the fabled Fountain of Youth, from London to Hawaii and, of course, to the Caribbean.

Metro has handily charted his course so that you can embark on your own quest.

FIRST STOP: LONDON

The film starts with a high-speed carriage chase through 18th century London, something difficult to recreate in 2011. But while in England's capital, check out some of the film's exterior locations, including the Old Royal Naval College in Greenwich and Hampton Court Palace, once the home of Henry VIII, which stood in for St. James Court.

SECOND STOP: HAWAII

The On Stranger Tides action then heads to Hawaii. Most of the film's sailing footage was shot in the pristine waters off the coast of Oahu, with the crew making landfall on Kauai. "There's a section of this movie which is very Indiana Jones-like, where there's a trek through the most amazing jungles you've ever seen," says production designer John Myhre. "We found these unbelievable jungles on Kauai — jungles, waterfalls. Huge over-scaled growth, the most beautiful mountains you've ever seen."

THIRD STOP: PUERTO RICO

Finally, the film winds up in the actual Caribbean, shooting on the gorgeous white sands of Palominito, an islet off the northeastern coast of Puerto Rico. The uninhabited gem is reachable by boat, and only Depp and co-star Penelope Cruz set foot on the beach, with the rest of the crew bobbing off-shore so as not to leave any footprints. The crew also filmed scenes on the main island, using Old San Juan's spectacular Castillo de San Cristobal, a massive fort built by the Spanish in 1783.

60 seconds

GETTING THE LOOK OF ON STRANGER TIDES

Academy Award-winning production designer John Myhre told us about filming and travelling for the latest Pirates of the Caribbean.

How did the look of this installment differ from the others?
Our movie had a much more rugged look to it, so our world of Pirates of the Caribbean wasn't necessarily white-sand beaches and beautiful palm trees. We found beautiful rocky areas. We used a beautiful spot on Oahu called Halona Cove.

If you were to return to one of the film's locations for a holiday, which would it be?
I just fell in love with Kauai. Kauai to me was everything that you want Hawaii to be. It was just such lush, beautiful, gorgeous vegetation.

3 life

Travel in brief

Bob Thirsk gave his sleeping bag and Chris Hadfield offered his guitar They're among about 20 items that went to space and back and were provided by Canadian astronauts for a new long-term exhibition at the Canada Aviation and Space Museum, which opens May 12.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Salina: Simple beauty on stark volcanic island in clear Mediterranean waters

CA$H FOR YOUR CRUISE

RECEIVE UP TO $200 Onboard Credit* when you book your cruise vacation with Sears Travel by June 30, 2011.

Croatia & Greek Isles Voyage - 7 Nights
Azamara Quest • August 13, 2011
Club Veranda Stateroom, Category V3
Cruise Only • from Venice, Italy
$2,649† + $93 taxes
Venice, Italy; Split, Croatia; Kotor, Montenegro; Corfu, Greece; Katakolon, Greece; Chania (Souda), Crete, Greece; Santorini, Greece; Athens (Piraeus), Greece

Scandinavia Russia Voyage - 7 Nights
Azamara Journey • July 21, 2011
Club Veranda Stateroom, Category V3
Cruise Only • from Stockholm, Sweden
$2,899† + $151 taxes
Stockholm, Sweden; Helsinki, Finland; St. Petersburg, Russia; Tallinn, Estonia; Stockholm, Sweden

†AZAMARA CLUB CRUISES RESERVES THE RIGHT TO IMPOSE A FUEL SUPPLEMENT OF UP TO $15 PER GUEST PER DAY ON ALL GUESTS IF THE PRICE OF WEST TEXAS INTERMEDIATE FUEL EXCEEDS $65.00 PER BARREL.

Sears travel.ca
In-store | 1-866-359-7327

*Onboard Credit is in USD per stateroom, based on double occupancy. Applicable to new individual cruise and cruisetour bookings made with participating suppliers at Sears Travel. Sailing duration and onboard credit amount will vary according to individual supplier terms and conditions. Singles paying 200% are entitled to full face value. Subject to availability. Offer is not combinable with any other offer or promotion. Some restrictions apply. Offer details may be changed or discontinued at any time without notice. For full terms and conditions, see a Sears Travel consultant, call 1-866-359-7327 or visit searstravel.ca. ©2011 Sears Canada Inc. d.b.a. Sears Travel Service. B.C. Reg. No. 216-6. Ont. Reg. #2264141. Quebec Permit Holder - OPC #751241. 290 Yonge St., Suite 700, Toronto ON, M5B 2C3. "Sears" is a registered trademark of Sears, licensed for use in Canada. ©2011 Royal Caribbean International. All rights reserved. Ships' Registry: The Bahamas.

Edmonton, the city of festivals

There is a wide variety of events on this summer in Alberta's capital Motor racing, buskers and folk music

JOHN ULAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

▶ IndyCars are set to hit the streets of Edmonton again this summer from July 22-24. It is just one of the exciting events going on in the city that is bound to draw in visitors.

Visitors, start your engines!

A revamped IndyCar race at the downtown airport of Alberta's capital city highlights a summer of vacation fun in what is known as the province's "Festival City."

"Bring your earplugs and bring your sunblock," said Anne Roy of Octane Motorsports, which is overseeing the July 22-24 Edmonton Indy. It's the sixth open-wheel race to run in the city but the first on a revamped 13-turn circuit that features a straightaway rivalling the super-oval track at the famed Indianapolis Speedway.

"I'm excited to go out and see exactly where the track is going to lay out," said Toronto's Paul Tracy, one of three Canadian drivers who will suit up for the race against high-profile rivals including Will Power, Dario Franchitti and Danica Patrick.

"The old Edmonton track was one of the toughest and most physically demanding tracks you come across, (but) it was time for a change," he said. "I'm confident the new track will be even more exciting. It's going to be better for passing."

Joining Tracy will be fellow Canadians James Hinchcliffe of Toronto and Alex Tagliani of Lachenaie, Que.

The Indy race is just one of the premier events taking place in Edmonton this summer. The festival season kicks off with The Works Art and Design Festival from June 23 to July 5.

It's the largest art and design festival of its kind in North America and will showcase the work of artists from around the world in more than 250 exhibits, workshops and performances in sites in and around the downtown core.

Those who want to bask in buskers can stay in the heart of the city and enjoy the Edmonton International Street Performers Festival from July 8-17 in Churchill Square, beside the glass pyramid roof of City Hall. It's a pass-the-hat payment system for the impromptu crowds expected to watch an international band of jugglers, acrobats, hip hop musicians and sword swallowers.

Events really heat up in late July. Capital EX is Edmonton's long-running midway carnival, the successor to the old Klondike Days. It's famous for its carnival rides, midway, casino, parades, concerts and nightly fireworks. The show this year is from July 22-31.

The popular Taste of Edmonton event runs July 21-30. Downtown visitors with a sweet-tooth or simply with a taste for adventure can sample food from a variety of city restaurants set up in booths in Churchill Square.

The Edmonton Folk Music Festival hits the stage from Aug. 4 to Aug. 7 in Gallagher Park, just south of downtown. Music lovers can recline on blankets on hillside and soak in the sounds. Confirmed artists for this year include k.d. lang and Joe Louis Walker.

The capstone to the season is the widely acclaimed Edmonton International Fringe Theatre Festival.

This year is the 30th anniversary of what has become the largest theatre event of its kind in North America. It will take place Aug. 11 to Aug. 21, and promises a range of works from the endearingly kitschy to unforgettable moments of theatre magic.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Free Disney Dining Plan!

For a limited time, purchase the NEW Memories Vacation Package for 5 nights/6 days at select Disney Moderate, Deluxe or Deluxe Villa Resorts and get the Disney Dining Plan **FREE!****

The New Memories Vacation Package Includes:

- Accommodations
- *Magic Your Way* Base Ticket
- *Disney's PhotoPass* Photo Book*** – Relive your vacation and choose from a variety of layouts and page designs to customize with your favourite photos!

5 Nights/6 Days with FREE Disney Dining Plan

$86* US PER PERSON PER DAY FOR A FAMILY OF 4

AT A SELECT **DISNEY MODERATE RESORT** IN A STANDARD ROOM FOR ARRIVALS MOST NIGHTS 8/28 – 9/24/11

Total Package Price: US$2,056

Book by September 24, 2011

BONUS! Earn 2X AIR MILES® reward miles on your Disney vacation with Marlin Travel!†

Book by June 30, 2011.

marlin travel™
1 877 777-6064 • marlintravel.ca

AIR MILES

Walt Disney World Resort in Florida

*Price based on 2 Adults, 1 Junior and 1 Child. The number of packages available at this rate is limited. Tickets valid for one Theme Park per day and must be used within 14 days of first use. No group rates or other discounts apply. Advance reservations required. **Excludes gratuities and alcoholic beverages. Children ages 3–9 must order from children's menu if available. Some Table-Service restaurants may have limited or no availability at time of package purchase. ***Online registration required for redemption of the *Disney's PhotoPass* Photo Book. A one-time use promotion code for a 20 page Photo Book will be provided in your travel confirmation documents. Photos must be claimed within 30 days of being taken. Once claimed, photos will be available for 30 days. Offer does not include duties or value-added taxes, which may be assessed and are the responsibility of the package recipient. © Disney.

†Bonus offer is applicable on new, individual *Walt Disney World* and *Disneyland* Resort Vacation Packages (including *Disney* Resort accommodation, park tickets and airfare) and *Disney Cruise Line* bookings made between May 1 - June 30, 2011 for departures by December 31, 2011. Not applicable on group rates. Bonus offer cannot be combined with any other promotional offer and is subject to change without notice. Other conditions may apply. Full offer details are available from your Marlin Travel Advisor. Base reward mile offer is 1/$35 on vacation packages, cruise fares and charter flights. Not applicable on scheduled airline or rail tickets, hotel and car reservations paid locally, taxes, service fees, non-commissionable items, foreign exchange and insurance. Offer code: MTDV2X11. ®TM Trademarks of AIR MILES International Trading B.V. Used under license by LoyaltyOne, Inc., and Transat Distribution Canada Inc. Marlin Travel is a division of Transat Distribution Canada Inc. Head Office: 191 The West Mall, Suite 700, Etobicoke ON M9C 5K8. BC Reg. #23567.

Off-season travel ideas

FLICKR: TRAILSOURCE.COM

Head to the Hills

Ski resorts remain popular destinations off-season; vacationers can ride ski lifts into the mountains for hiking, mountain biking and many other summer activities. But you will spend much less for lodging than during the winter.

"You can get a really great discount, I would say somewhere between 20 to 40 per cent," by booking off-season, says Anne Banas, executive editor of smartertravel.com.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FLICKR: DAVID STANLEY

Do your ABCs

A vacation to much of the Caribbean during hurricane season — which runs from June through November — can be unpredictable or worse. But some Caribbean islands lie outside the hurricane belt, and prices there drop for the summer too.

Though not bargain-basement cheap, a trip to the so-called ABC islands — Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao — is more affordable in summer than winter, and you will be outside the danger zone.

FLICKR: MALIAS

Be Flexible

Above all, if you stay flexible about every aspect of your trip, you will save the most.

For deals, Clampet recommends "flash" travel sites, which take the approach of members-only clothing and accessories sellers like Rue La La or Gilt and offer travel at steep discounts for brief periods. Options include sniqueaway.com, VoyagePrive.com and jetsetter.com. Because these sites are new, they're very competitive, Jason Clampet, senior online editor of Frommers.com says.

Bruschetta for breakfast

Strawberries and ricotta make this a sweet twist on a classic

ASSOCIATED PRESS

▶ Strawberry-Ricotta Bruschetta

Traditional tomato bruschetta has become so ubiquitous you can even buy jars of prepared toppings and pre-toasted bread.

So we decided to reinvent it as a breakfast or dessert item.

Instead of starting with garlic-rubbed toast, we take slices of baguette and slather them with low-fat, yet creamy part-skim ricotta cheese.

If you like, you could vary the recipe by using reduced-fat cream cheese or even thick Greek-style yogurt.

We then top them with sliced strawberries and a drizzle of honey — reminiscent of the tomatoes and olive oil from traditional versions.

Capping the creamy strawberry toasts is a sprinkle of herbs to add a fresh counterpoint to all the sweetness.

While these strawberry-ricotta bruschetta are a natural fit as part of a breakfast or brunch, they make a tasty appetizer as well.

For a tart variation, toss the diced strawberries in a sweet balsamic vinegar glaze before assembling and skip the honey drizzle.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Preparation:

1. Place baguette slices on baking sheet and toast in 400 F (200 C) oven for about 8 minutes or until lightly golden.
2. Spread each slice with about 1 tbsp (15 mL) of ricotta cheese. Divide diced strawberries among slices of toast.
3. Drizzle with honey and sprinkle with mint to serve.
4. Place baguette slices on baking sheet and toast in 400 F (200 C) oven for about 8 minutes or until lightly golden. Makes 10 servings.

Ingredients:

- 1 baguette (12 inches/30 cm long), cut into 20 slices
- 1 1/4 cups (300 mL) part-skim ricotta cheese
- 1 lb (500 g) strawberries, hulled and finely diced
- Liquid honey
- 20 fresh mint or basil leaves, cut into thin strips

Ricotta Brunch Trifle

ASSOCIATED PRESS

For a fresh, spring themed dessert, get the kids involved in layering on the tiers of this tantalizing trifle.

Don't be fooled by this dish's name — whether you serve it morning, noon or night, this classic is always a winner with friends and family alike. As you dive in, savour the flavour of every layer from the squeeze of honey to the handfuls of fresh blueberries and raspberries.

Preparation:

1. In bowl, whisk together ricotta cheese, orange zest and juice, and honey; set aside.
2. In large bowl, combine strawberries, blueberries and bananas.
3. Place one third of the cookies on the bottom of a trifle bowl or 7-cup (1.75 L) flat bottomed bowl.
4. Top with one third of the ricotta mixture and one third of the fruit mixture. Repeat twice with remaining ingredients
5. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours or for up to 1 day. Garnish with mint before serving. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Tip: The longer the trifle is refrigerated, the softer the amaretti cookies will be.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

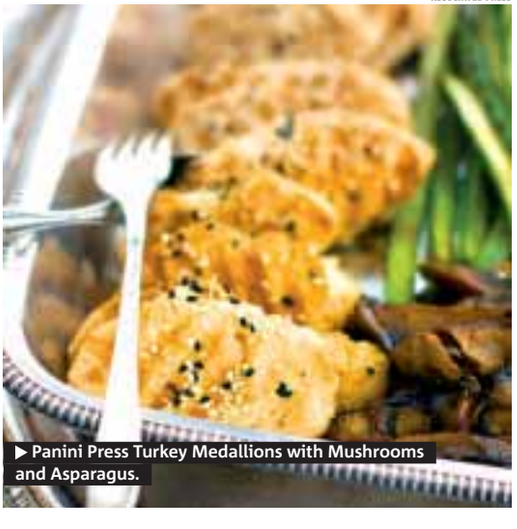
Ingredients:

- 1 tub (475 g) smooth ricotta cheese
- 2 tsp (10 mL) grated orange zest
- ¼ cup (60 mL) orange juice
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) liquid honey
- 2 cups (500 mL) quartered strawberries
- 1-½ cups (375 mL) fresh blueberries or raspberries
- 1 banana, sliced
- 1 pkg (6 oz/175 g) amaretti cookies
- Fresh mint leaves

An im-press-ive way to serve turkey

A panini press cooks these marinated medallions in no time

ASSOCIATED PRESS



▶ Panini Press Turkey Medallions with Mushrooms and Asparagus.

Preparation:

1. In a medium bowl, whisk together vinegar, sesame oil, soy sauce, garlic powder, ginger and 2 ml (1/2 tsp) black pepper. Add turkey rounds, turning to coat each. Cover and refrigerate for 30 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, in a second medium bowl, whisk together olive oil, hoisin and 1 ml (1/4 tsp) black pepper. Add asparagus and mushrooms, then toss to coat evenly. Set aside until meat is ready.
3. Heat oven to 100 C (200 F). Once meat has marinated, heat a panini press or other countertop grill (if your press has temperature settings, use high).
4. Arrange turkey rounds on panini press, close it and cook for 3 1/2 minutes or until browned on both sides. Transfer rounds to an oven-safe platter, sprinkle with sesame seeds, then place in oven to keep warm.
5. Arrange asparagus and mushrooms on panini press, close it and cook for 3 minutes or until vegetables are nicely seared and just tender. Sprinkle them with salt, then cook for another minute. Serve vegetables with turkey medallions. Makes 4 servings.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ingredients:

- 50 ml (1/4 cup) seasoned rice vinegar
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) toasted sesame oil
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) soy sauce
- 5 ml (1 tsp) garlic powder
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) grated fresh ginger
- Ground black pepper
- 625 g (1 1/4 lb) turkey tenderloin, cut into 1-cm (1/2-inch) thick rounds
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) hoisin sauce
- 1 bunch asparagus, bottoms trimmed, halved crosswise
- 2 large portobello mushrooms, cut into thick slices
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) toasted sesame seeds
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) kosher salt

It's not all about words on a paper

STUDENT VOICE

SARAH SAYED
TALENTEGG.CA

My curiousity and interests led me to graduate with two degrees from the University of Ottawa: a degree in biochemistry and a degree in chemical engineering.

While still in school, I was warned that landing a job would be difficult, so I attended several career fairs and actively researched the job market.

A year later, I am still looking for work. Family friends frequently point out that their son with only one degree has found a job, so what am I doing wrong?

Having two degrees, I am considered over-qualified for some positions, while lacking the experience employers expect. I have laboratory research experience in the university and hospital setting; however this does not qualify as engineering experience.

SUBMITTED

▶ Sarah Sayed wants employers to give job candidates more face time so that passionate, driven individuals such as herself won't be so easily overlooked.

Post-graduation is difficult for everyone. I have friends who have done co-op placements with the government, with rave reviews from their bosses, only to not land a job after graduation due to departmental freezes.

Success comes from good timing, being open-minded and persistent, but in the end it's dumb luck!

Most of my colleagues have gotten jobs by networking with their contacts. A friend of mine landed a job through someone his mom met while working out at the gym.

I think employers should organize more events where potential recruits can meet with company members as part of the application process. A good personality and passion for the organization's work is much more important in the long term than experience.

While the volume of applicants makes it impossible to allow job seekers to call or meet with employers, many excellent candidates will be overlooked if screening is done solely on the basis of the number of key words that exactly reiterate the job requirements.

TALENTEGG.CA, CANADA'S ONLINE CAREER RESOURCE FOR STUDENTS AND RECENT GRADS, WANTS TO HEAR YOUR STUDENT VOICE. SHARE IT AT TALENTEGG.CA.

Where Sarah is now

I will attend career fairs to try to meet employers face to face rather than relying on online applications. Meanwhile, I am studying classical oil painting techniques, freelancing as a graphic designer and working part-time as an art assistant and portraiture model. As you can imagine, it is really devastating for someone to go through focused professional college-like training, only to not find work in their chosen field. Art has taught me to be patient through the hard times.

What I learned

Key take-aways from Sarah's school-to-work transition

- Before you graduate, research what kind of experience is in-demand in your industry by asking your professors, searching online and arranging informational interviews with professionals in your field.
- Tell everyone in your network that you're looking for work – you never know who might be able to hook you up with your dream job!

GRAPHIC DESIGNER

Reporting to the Publisher, Metro Winnipeg the right candidate will join Metro's dynamic and award winning Creative Services team. We're looking for an eager Graphic Designer whose portfolio and experience reflects that of print, online and mobile graphic design and who possesses a successful track record of the professional delivery of deadline driven projects in an extremely fast paced environment. The ideal candidate will also possess a good knowledge of print design and production, specifically for newspaper and magazine print advertising, and will have the skill set of an online graphic designer using web based media.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Development of creative executions for in-paper retail advertising, online, mobile and print production knowledge
- Quality assurance of design and layout prior to sending to clients
- Professional contact with internal and external clientele

REQUIREMENTS OF THE POSITION:

- 2-3 yrs design experience within a newspaper environment
- Post secondary education in a related field, or equivilent experience
- Skilled in print, online and mobile graphic design and animation, comprehensive and complete software knowledge
- Software proficiency including, QuarkXPress, InDesign, Adobe Acrobat/Distiller, Flash, Photoshop, Illustrator, Image Ready and Dreamweaver
- Proficient on both PC and MAC platforms
- Knowledge in optimizing images for web and mobile (optimal file sizes, file formats etc) while maintaining small file sizes
- Basic understanding of HTML and CSS, ability to prep files for print production
- Expert in file stuffing (.sitx, .sit, .sea, .zip) and FTP experience
- Professional, personable, approachable with great communication skills (both verbal and written)
- Ability to thrive in a deadline driven, creative and dynamic environment with strong a attention to detail (typography, copy, grammar, layout, images, colour etc)
- Ability to thrive under pressure in a fast paced, multi-faceted and deadline driven environment
- Must be a quick problem-solver, who initiates projects and who takes a pro-active/smart approach

IInterested individuals who possess the skills described above are requested to submit their resume and cover letter via email to hr@metronews.ca no later than May 20, 2011. PLEASE QUOTE: "Graphic Designer -Winnipeg" in the subject line. All submissions will be treated as confidential.

metro

Students, gimme 20

HO/THE CANADIAN PRESS

▶ The sunny spring weather offers no excuse to stay inside.

The exams are done, the books stashed away and many students who have spent their first year of university hunched over desks indoors are looking to get out and get active.

After two sedentary semesters where pizza and pop were too often part of the daily diet, a number of students plan to spend the summer learning how to eat well and exercise more often.

Ilene Shioguchi is one of them. Between classes, course work and constant deadlines, the first-year Ryerson student feels as if she never had the chance to exercise.

It's a person like Shioguchi that a class like Frosh Fit, and similar programs being offered to students across the country, have in mind. The free program offered by the University of Toronto combines resistance training, cardio circuits and core-based movements. In addition to the exercise, it also features regular visits from a certified nutritionist who helps students make wise food choices.

"It's important to have a holistic approach to fitness, to show that it's all connected," says Jill Cressy, assistant manager of fitness and instruction at the university's faculty of physical education and health.

Cressy points out that classes like Frosh Fit aren't just about looking good in tank tops and summer shorts – they're a social support as well.

"It's about feeling healthy, feeling alert, feeling energized," she says. "It's supporting healthy body image and healthy self-esteem."

For those summering students who want to kick things up a notch, there's always bootcamp.

A variety of bootcamp courses offered at universities and by private instructors provide a more intense experience for those who want to whip themselves into shape. But don't let the name intimidate you.

"Nobody will be left behind," says Amy Allen, health and fitness co-ordinator at the University of Victoria, which offers a bootcamp catering to any fitness level.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Change Your Career
Become an OSTEOPATH

- 4 months FT or 9 months PT
- zero unemployment rate
- avarage osteopath income: $90,000/yr
- student loan available
- classes held in Winnipeg

NationalAcademyofOsteopathy.com
Toll Free: 1-877-550-6550

Red Wings force Sharks to Game 7

Detroit climbs back from 3-0 hole to send series to deciding game

3	1
WINGS	SHARKS

Henrik Zetterberg and Valtteri Filppula scored less than two minutes apart in the third period, and the Detroit Red Wings rallied again for a 3-1 victory over the San Jose Sharks last night, forcing a decisive seventh game after trailing 3-0 in the second-round series.

San Jose must defend home ice tomorrow night to avoid becoming the fourth NHL team to lose a best-of-seven series after leading 3-0. San Jose's Logan Couture scored early in the third period, but Zetterberg tied it with 9:22 remaining, and Filppula scored the winner with 7:28 left.

Darren Helm added an empty-net goal. Every other game in the series was decided by one goal.

Detroit scored the last three goals of Game 5 to win 4-3.

Philadelphia came all the way back last year in the second round, winning the final four games against Boston.

The recent success makes the task seem less daunting for the Red Wings.

Skating with confidence and desperation, the Red Wings outshot San Jose 45-25, but they were on the verge of elimination after Couture batted a rebound out of midair and the puck trickled past goalie Jimmy Howard with 16:06 remaining. The puck barely crossed the goal-line before Howard covered it with his glove, but the goal stood after a review.

Zetterberg tied it by deflecting a wrist shot by Niklas Kronwall past goalie Antti Niemi, and the Sharks never regained momentum. Filppula put Detroit ahead, converting a nice cross-ice pass by Pavel Datsyuk.

The Red Wings outplayed the Sharks from the start. At the midway point of the first period, Detroit had an 11-1 edge in shots, to the delight of the home crowd that had given the Red Wings a standing ovation when they took the ice.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CARLOS OSORIO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

▶ Sharks goalie Antti Niemi stops a shot by Red Wings winger Dan Cleary last night.

4 sports

Quoted

"When our back is against the wall, that's when we show great resilience ... We'll see what we're made of."

POWER FORWARD KEVIN GARNETT, WHOSE BOSTON CELTICS TRAIL THE MIAMI HEAT 3-1 IN THEIR SECOND-ROUND NBA SERIES, WITH GAME 5 TONIGHT IN SOUTH FLORIDA.

Donnelly latest Bomber to announce retirement

Winnipeg Blue Bombers offensive lineman Ryan Donnelly is retiring after nine years in the CFL.

"I've enjoyed my time in the Canadian Football League and I'm sad to be saying goodbye," Donnelly said in a statement. "I've had a great career full of many memories that I'll never forget."

Donnelly was drafted 28th overall by the Tiger-Cats in the 2001 CFL Canadian draft and spent six years in Hamilton.

He signed with the Blue Bombers in 2008 and made 12 starts at either centre or guard during his first two years with Winnipeg before sitting out last season with an injury. The news comes a day after Markus Howell announced his retirement.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sports in brief

Man City edge past Spurs

SOCCER. Manchester City qualified for the Champions League for the first time, beating Tottenham 1-0 yesterday on an own goal by Peter Crouch in the 30th-minute.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ochocinco now rodeo bound

NFL. Cincinnati Bengals receiver Chad Ochocinco, who earlier this year had a tryout with Sporting Kansas City of MLS, has accepted a challenge from Professional Bull Riders chief operating officer Sean Gleason to ride a bull at the LucasOil Invitational this weekend in Duluth. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROCK & ROLL ATTITUDES!

Good Wages, F/T HRS, Start ASAP

No Experience No Problem!

Fun Promos. No Sales. Just talking!

Call Shannon @ 415-7397

SUZUKI

Way of Life!

TIME TO FIGHT CARFORMITY

DRIVE SOMETHING DIFFERENT AND DON'T FOLLOW THE HERD.

2011 KIZASHI SX iAWD

Kizashi fights Carformity. How? First, it offers true power of control with a superb chassis that delivers crisp and precise handling. Then, Kizashi comes fully loaded with what others call options. Fuel-efficient 180-hp 2.4L engine, Intelligent All Wheel Drive (iAWD), SmartPass™ Keyless Entry, and Rockford Fosgate Premium Audio System are just a few examples. This midsize sedan Fights Carformity on all levels.

$28,195† SELLING PRICE

OWN IT FOR $185* BI-WEEKLY | **PURCHASE FINANCING** 0.9% FOR 72 MONTHS

$2,300 DOWN. Excludes Delivery & Destination of $1,495, Dealer Administration Fee, taxes, fees, insurance and license & registration

2011 SX4 HATCHBACK JX iAWD

The most fuel-efficient Compact Intelligent All-Wheel Drive vehicle in Canada. This is Fighting Carformity at its best. Its 150-hp 2.0L engine, 16" Aluminum Alloy Wheels, and European-tuned suspension will take you on any side street or highway life demands.

$19,535† SELLING PRICE

OWN IT FOR $125* BI-WEEKLY | **PURCHASE FINANCING** 0% FOR 72 MONTHS

$2,200 DOWN. Excludes Delivery & Destination of $1,395, Dealer Administration Fee, taxes, fees, insurance and license & registration

2011 GRAND VITARA JX 4WD

Fight Carformity with a Compact SUV that has the off-road capabilities and practicality of an authentic SUV, along with on-road comfort and convenience. Grand Vitara's SmartPass™ Keyless Entry and Start system, Electronic Stability Program (ESP), Class-leading towing capacity[1], and fuel-efficient engine will make your journey more enjoyable. It's Suzuki's leading candidate to Fight Carformity off-road as well as on.

$24,885† SELLING PRICE

OWN IT FOR $160* BI-WEEKLY | **PURCHASE FINANCING** 0% FOR 72 MONTHS

$2,500 DOWN. Excludes Delivery & Destination of $1,595, Dealer Administration Fee, taxes, fees, insurance and license & registration

TEST DRIVE ONE TODAY AT YOUR LOCAL SUZUKI DEALER OR VISIT SUZUKI.CA

HABER SUZUKI 818 Regent Avenue West MB 204.222.5273

WINNIPEG SUZUKI 500-1717 Waverley Street MB 204.594.4444

CONSUMERS SHOULD READ THE FOLLOWING: **All offers and Selling Price exclude Delivery & Destination ($1,495 for 2011 Kizashi SX iAWD Model 6B23W41/$1,395 for 2011 SX4 Hatchback JX iAWD with manual transmission Model H3NB21J/$1,595 for 2011 Grand Vitara JX 4WD automatic transmission Model L2TB5T1), PPSA up to $72, dealer administration fee, taxes, license, insurance and registration, and a down payment of $2,300/$2,200/$2,500. Vehicles may not be exactly as shown. These offers cannot be combined with any other offers and are subject to change without notice. Dealers may sell for less. See participating dealers for details. †Limited time finance offers are available on 2011 Kizashi SX iAWD Model 6B23W41 (Selling Price $28,195), 2011 SX4 Hatchback JX iAWD with manual transmission Model H3NB21J (Selling Price $19,535 and 2011 Grand Vitara JX 4WD automatic transmission Model L2TB5T1 (Selling Price $24,885) for a 72 month term. The bi-weekly 72 month payment interest rates are based on 2011 Kizashi SX iAWD @ 0.9%, 2011 SX4 Hatchback JX iAWD @ 0% and 2011 Grand Vitara JX 4WD @ 0% purchase financing. Bi-weekly payments are $185/$125/$160 with $2,300/$2,200/$2,500 down payment. Cost of borrowing is $1,630/$0/$0 for a total obligation of $29,825/$19,535/$24,885. Offer valid until May 31, 2011. When properly equipped.

Rear

Kia's designers have done a pretty good job at loping off the sedan's trunk and integrating the new rear end of the Forte5.

The lines remain crisp and purposeful from all angles, accentuated by the blacked-out door pillars and wrap-around taillights.

From the back though, the Forte5 appears suspiciously similar to the Subaru Impreza, a vehicle that automaker unabashedly refers to as a wagon. No wonder there's confusion out there.

Carrying capacity

The most important measurement for any practical hatch is the volume of stuff it can carry.

With the rear seat folded flat, the Forte5 can swallow a fair chunk of groceries; more than the Toyota Matrix or Mitsubishi Lancer Sportback but not as much as the Hyundai Elantra Touring or the diminutive (but surprisingly spacious) Honda Fit.

Engine

Common to all Forte body styles is the two-engine lineup. The base LX and EX models run with the 156-horsepower 2.0-litre four-cylinder, while a 173-horsepower 2.4-litre four-cylinder belongs to the fancier SX.
Fuel economy with the base engine and automatic transmission is rated at 5.5 l/100 km city and 8.0 highway. Those impressive numbers are sufficient to propel the Forte5 to the head of its compact wagon/hatchback class.

▶ As more people downsize in the name of fuel economy, the available cars will have to do and hold more. No problem for the Kia Forte5, but it also has available leather seating, climate control and navigation, so you can save gas and still get a comfy ride.

More than an 'economy car'

MALCOLM GUNN
DRIVE@METRONEWS.CA
WHEELBASE MEDIA

The term "fuel economy" has always brought with it the "economy car" stigma, but there's a definite shift going on in 2011: good on gas can also mean a good car.

Maybe even a great car.

As if Kia was trying to prove the point, buyers now have a highly versatile Forte5 as well as the sedan and two-door "Koup" to choose from.

The Korea-based automaker refers to the Forte5 as a hatchback, but there's little to differentiate it from most typical wagons. Some might argue that the rear opening must be virtually vertical for a wagon to be called a wagon, while others believe the amount of storage space is the ideal determining factor.

In any event, if Kia prefers calling the Forte5 (obviously not bothering to differentiate between passenger doors and rear-access cargo openings) a hatchback, then so be it.

In any event, the four-door Forte5 uses the same basic platform as the sedan and both cars are equal in width and in distance between the front and rear wheels. However, the Forte5 is actually shorter in overall length by about 19 centimetres and is trimmer by about 23 kilograms as a result.

Whether entry level or loaded to the hilt, the Forte5 is a handsome, practical and affordable hauler.

▶ Kia keeps on ratcheting up the quality of its interiors. Although there's still plenty of plastic, the inside is both visually interesting and plenty functional.

▶ Kia somehow managed to dial a bit more passenger space into the Forte5, likely due to a slightly higher roofline.

Kia Forte5

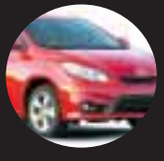
What you should know about the 2011 Kia Forte5:

- **Types:** Four-door compact hatchback.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.0-litre DOHC I4 (156); 2.4-litre DOHC I4 (173).
- **Transmission:** Six-speed manual; six-speed automatic (opt.).
- **Market position:** Compact hatchbacks and wagons appear to be gaining in popularity as more buyers seek smaller and thriftier vehicles that offer the maximum in versatility.
- **Point:** Extra-long comprehensive and powertrain warranties give the Forte5 an edge.
- **Stats:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 5.5/8.0 (AT).

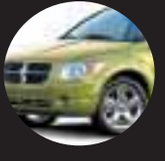
5 drive

By comparison

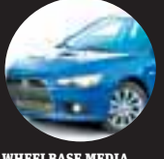
Toyota Matrix
Base price: $18,100
Popular, roomy Corolla-based wagon offers optional all-wheel-drive.



Dodge Caliber
Base price: $16,000
Now more appealing with significant interior upgrades for 2011.



Mitsubishi Sportback
Base price: $21,600
Lancer offshoot adds extra trunk room. Ralliart version really flies.



WHEELBASE MEDIA

Scan code for more car reviews and news

LUXURY HYBRIDS ARE THE NEWEST, OLDEST WAVE

AUTO PILOT

MIKE GOETZ
DRIVE
@METRONEWS.CA

Flared jeans are coming back. This time I'll take a pass. I suffered enough. I wore them all through high school in the 1970s, combined with long, centre-parted hair.

CONTRIBUTED

▶ The Porsche GT3 R Hybrid is an example of a modern, high-performance car, augmented with electrical power.

But some things are definitely worth reviving. A case in point is luxury and high-performance cars, augmented with electrical power.

They're hybrids, yes, but hybrids on the other side of the spectrum from Toyota Prius.

The Prius and its ilk are all about fuel efficiency. The cache of a luxury/performance hybrid, however, is three-fold: increased power, increased fuel efficiency, and the fact that this power and efficiency is only possible through exclusive and expensive technology not everybody can afford.

Like how many people will be able to afford the crazy new hybrid that Jaguar just announced?

Based on the C-X75 concept the British automaker displayed at the 2010 Paris auto show, production versions will be restricted to just 200 examples, at 700,000-plus British Pounds each?

I believe that translates to over $1 million Canadian dollars, but I'm not sure, as I have been trying to stay away from math ever since Mr. Runstedtler's Grade 10 calculus class.

Porsche is on to its third hybrid. By fall, we should see the $108,700 Panamera S Hybrid, which shares the same V6-electric powertrain as the Cayenne S Hybrid.

The other hybrid is a race car — the 911 GT3 R Hybrid. When the Panamera S Hybrid was first shown in North America, at the recent auto show in New York, it was accompanied by a replica of Porsche's — and probably the world's — first gas-electric hybrid.

▶ This is a replica of Porsche's first gas-electric hybrid, the Semper Vivas, which was built in 1900.

Ferdinand Porsche was just 24, when he engineered and built the 1900 Semper Vivas, as a member of the Austrian coach-building firm Jacob Lohner.

Only one example was ever built, and it didn't survive.

The Porsche Museum in Stuttgart, Germany, commissioned restorer, Hubert Drescher, to recreate the car, from only one known picture, and several sketches.

I had a chance to speak to Mr. Drescher, at the New York show, and he noted there is not one original part on the car. It was completely re-created.

But the horn and the two 1.7-litre, single-cylinder De Dion Bouton engines are exactly the same vintage and type used on the original car. He found the engines at a flea market. Good score.

The engines drive the rear wheels, and power a dynamo that juices the massive battery pack and the two enormous electric motors fitted to the front wheels.

The Semper Vivas can go 35-40 km/h on a flat road, pretty heady stuff for 1900. But a hill climber it is not. It weights almost two tons.

Gas was pretty cheap and abundant in 1900. The young Ferdinand Porsche was not looking for electricity as a transportation salvation fuel, as some do today.

He was simply looking for ways to satisfy his — and the collective's — desire for powerful, high-performing automobiles.

Like another visionary, Yogi Berra, once opinioned: "It's like déjà-vu all over again."

This Beamer doesn't need to slow down for bad weather

SECOND GEAR

JUSTIN PRITCHARD
DRIVE@METRONEWS.CA

BMW's X3 launched in 2004 as a smaller alternative to the brand's X5 SUV.

With a smaller and lighter body, car-like driving dynamics and a range of available engine options, this small, upscale SUV was engineered to cater to active shoppers who didn't intend to slow down for bad weather.

Power came from several BMW straight-six engines, including both 2.5 and 3.0-litre units making 184 or 225 horsepower in early 2.5i and 3.0i models, respectively. From 2007 and on, the three-litre unit was the sole engine offering, making 215 or 260 horsepower in 3.0i and 3.0si trim.

BMW's nomenclature change in 2009 saw the X3 switch to an "xDrive30i" badge, while a less powerful xDrive28i version was offered, too. All-wheel drive was standard on all models, and used shoppers can even search out an X3 with a six-speed manual on pre-2009 units. Five or six-speed automatic transmissions were available otherwise.

What's the 4-1-1

- **Model:** 2004 to 2010 BMW X3
- **Vehicle Type:** Crossover SUV
- **Approximate used price range:** $13,000 to $35,000

Look for feature content including heated leather, a sunroof, automatic climate control, wood trim, premium audio, tinted glass and plenty more.

What Owners Like

Styling, quality, handling, seats, all-weather traction, high-speed stability and a "fantastic" engine are all highly rated by BMW X3 owners in online forums. Many report getting "decent" fuel mileage, too.

What Owners Hate

Some X3 owners wish for a more premium feel to the X3's interior trim, as well as a more comfortable and soft ride on some models.

Many owners report "strange" shifting from the six-speed automatic transmission. Finally, several owners report uncomfortable and slightly cramped rear seat accommodations.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

▶ 2010 BMW X3

Common Issues

On a test-drive, be sure to check all of the used X3's cabin electronics, including the stereo, climate control, computer readouts and power accessories including windows, mirrors, seats and sunroof.

If the model you're considering is an automatic and exhibits strange shifting characteristics, the fix may be a reprogramming or replacement of the transmission control computer.

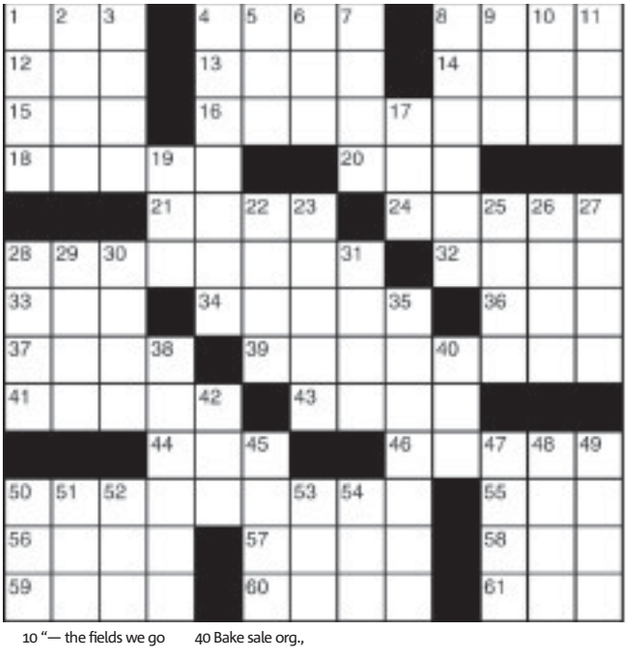
A prominent "clicking" noise while turning could indicate a problem with the rear differential or a CV joint.

If such a sound is apparent, be sure to have the vehicle inspected by a BMW mechanic ahead of your purchase.

The Verdict

X3 won't be the used SUV market's cheapest choice — but most owners agree it hits the mark where elevated levels of styling, handling and comfort are concerned.

Crossword



Across

1 Equine repast
4 Swear
8 Kitten's comment
12 Way back when
13 Chills and fever
14 Sandwich cookie
15 Aye canceler
16 Disneyland, e.g.
18 React to a pun
20 Mischie-vous tyke
21 "I taut I — puddy-tat!"
24 56-Across style
28 Roughly estimated
32 Mexican entree
33 "Eureka!"
34 Aid for a sore arm
36 Ultra-modernist
37 Soak up some rays
39 Texas city
41 Loathe
43 Bat a gnat
44 Existed
46 West Point newbie
50 Cartman's home
55 NAFTA signatory
56 Car
57 Satan's specialty
58 Suitable
59 Team of workers
60 Relinquish
61 Caustic solution

Down

1 Suspend
2 Culture medium
3 Toy on a string
4 Quick snoozes
5 "That tastes awful!"
6 Seek damages
7 Big rig
8 Tyke
9 Geological period
10 "— the fields we go ..."
11 Stir-fry pan
17 Type measures
19 Pac. counterpart
22 Forest (Ger.)
23 The Ram
25 Comical Carvey
26 Computer brand
27 Cubbyhole
28 Rum cake
29 Moby-Dick's pursuer
30 Whip
31 Recognized
35 Large blackbird
38 Bow obsequiously
40 Bake sale org., maybe
42 Cheerleader's cry
45 Detail, for short
47 Two-way
48 Catch sight of
49 London gallery
50 Pouch
51 "— Town"
52 Multipurpose truck
53 Rd.
54 Disencumber

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

5	2			7		9		1
		3						5
7					9		6	
		7	3		2			
6				9				7
			1		7	4		
	9		5					2
4						8		
8		2		3			1	9

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

Send a KISS

You can now post your kiss, and read even more kisses, online at metronews.ca/kiss.

my darlin baby
you mean so much to me, im so happy to have you in my life. through the good and bad i'll always be here by your side. you are amazing, i love you now & forever <3 **FROM YOUR LOVE<3**

Ollipop
Today's your birthday, and that is true. im writing this kiss, to say happy birthday to you! you're pretty great, that i can admit. and when you see this, you'll have a fit. So, happy birthday Ollipop, i told you i'd do this, and i didn't flop. <3 **FROM MELANI**

Judy
Hello, dear! I just wanted to say happy birthday and happy 5 months! I wish you the best 16th ever, and heres to many more months to come. I love you. :) **FROM CHARAT**

A look at the weather

TODAY	THURSDAY	THURSDAY
Min 9° Max 19°	Min 4° Max 11°	Min 4° Max 11°

Jenna Khan, Weather Specialist

BT BREAKFAST TELEVISION

"Weather impacts everything we do. Providing the information you need before you head out that door and take on the day is the best part of my morning." **WEEKDAYS 6AM**

Today's horoscope

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 within a matter of hours you will notice a positive difference

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Don't let your desire to get things done cloud your judgment.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Don't play hard to get today or you will send important people the wrong kind of signal

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 There is something you have overlooked.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You have the confidence to take risks but it won't be so good if you are reckless about it

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 You may be tempted to end a relationship that has been nothing but trouble of late.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Don't let vague fears and forebodings hold you back from what you want to do today

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Wait until you are thinking more clearly before making a final decision.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Others may not be trying to trick you but it's doubtful

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Fate will take its chosen path no matter what you think about it

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Forget about your work and your bank balance today and find joy

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Don't off advice to a friend who is having emotional troubles **SALLY BROMPTON**

Caption contest

KATHY WILLENS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

WIN!

You write it!

Write a funny caption for the image above and send it to play@metronews.ca — the winning caption will be published in tomorrow's Metro.

LOVE TO PLAY?
Get more Metro puzzles and games on your iPhone with the FREE Metro Play app – updated daily!
metro play
Available on the App Store

twitter
metro scene
Toronto Weather
5°C Partly cloudy
Metro Toronto Tweets
Poll: Did you watch the Grammys?
Arcade Fire wins album of the year Grammy
'Spider-Man' on Broadway has a horrid week
Betty Garrett, actress in film, TV, Broadway, dies
'King's Speech' big winner at British film awards
Sandler, Aniston barely Bieber at box office
List of Grammy winners in select categories
Latest News
Kia's Sportage SUV shows some muscle
US aid winging French to flood-ravaged Pakistan
Grilled Two-Cheese Sandwich with Tomatoes
Angry rights assistant gets bail, suspended
Banish bare walls by making an 'ewreka!'
Green party's top job not up for grabs
BlackBerry
metro

You'll this.

DOWNLOAD THE NEW METRO APP FOR YOUR BLACKBERRY, iPHONE AND iPAD.

FREE from the BlackBerry App World and the App Store.

App Store

metro